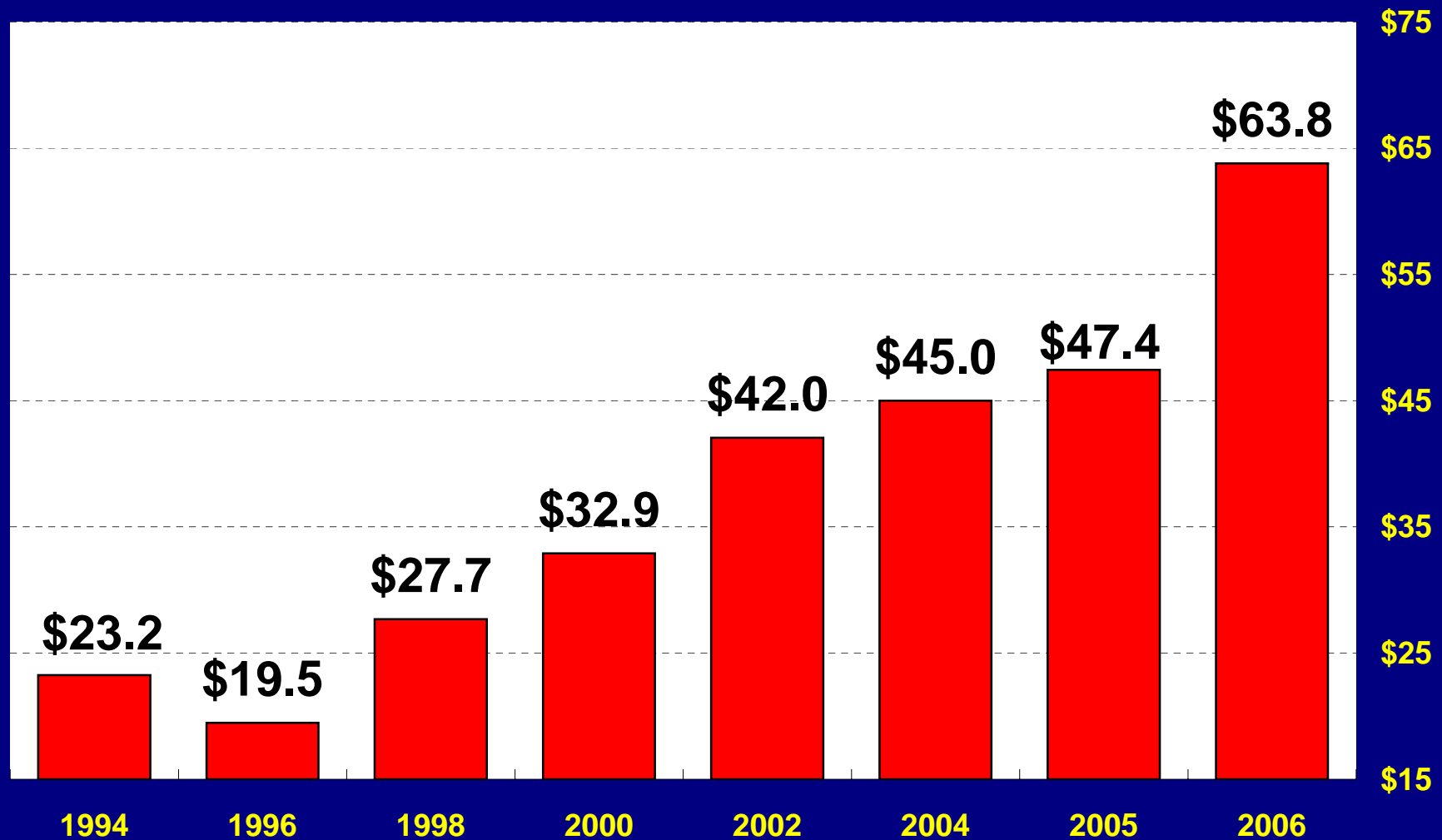


IN ONE YEAR, COST OF EARMARKS INCREASES \$16 BILLION

(Dollar amount of earmarks within appropriations bills in *billions* of dollars, by fiscal year)



Source: Congressional Research Service